

# Crop Progress

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Note: These data are preliminary and will be released after 4:00 p.m. each Monday, except for holidays. See tomorrow's Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin for final progress and condition estimates.

**Corn: Percent Harvested, Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 2, 2003	Nov 9, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	97	86	69	84
IL	95	90	94	95
IN	83	68	88	91
IA	96	91	87	93
KS	99	97	96	98
KY	97	95	99	99
MI	51	44	87	78
MN	99	97	84	93
MO	96	94	97	95
NE	90	82	73	88
NC	100	99	86	96
ND	98	95	83	89
OH	74	53	84	83
PA	68	49	84	74
SD	94	87	67	83
TN	99	99	99	100
TX	100	99	100	100
WI	79	70	57	77
18 Sts	91	85	85	91

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States harvested 94% of last year's corn acreage.

**Soybeans: Percent Harvested, Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998-2002 Avg.
	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 2, 2003	Nov 9, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	85	77	64	84
IL	98	95	97	97
IN	97	93	96	97
IA	100	100	99	99
KS	85	77	83	93
KY	85	68	69	87
LA	98	92	69	93
MI	97	94	99	93
MN	99	99	96	98
MS	99	97	81	94
MO	88	77	86	91
NE	99	98	92	97
NC	30	17	17	38
ND	100	100	98	99
OH	96	93	95	96
SD	100	100	94	97
TN	70	61	54	78
WI	99	96	87	95
18 Sts	95	91	90	94

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States harvested 96% of last year's soybean acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Percent Planted,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 2, 2003	Nov 9, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	85	72	52	73
CA	30	25	44	37
CO	100	100	100	100
ID	100	100	100	99
IL	98	94	98	97
IN	99	94	97	98
KS	99	96	97	97
MI	100	97	100	99
MO	90	79	87	87
MT	100	99	100	99
NE	100	100	100	100
NC	56	42	30	49
OH	100	94	100	99
OK	98	96	94	89
OR	92	83	84	93
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	91	89	88	87
WA	100	100	100	100
18 Sts	95	92	92	92

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 90% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Percent Emerged,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 2, 2003	Nov 9, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	68	52	41	51
CA	12	10	28	18
CO	93	90	100	98
ID	79	73	74	82
IL	87	64	92	88
IN	90	74	88	87
KS	88	84	90	90
MI	92	78	89	90
MO	74	59	71	67
MT	86	84	88	85
NE	100	98	100	100
NC	33	23	24	30
OH	94	74	93	92
OK	90	86	90	78
OR	60	49	36	64
SD	85	81	96	91
TX	77	74	80	70
WA	96	91	93	96
18 Sts	84	79	85	81

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 90% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Mature,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 2, 2003	Nov 9, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	99	100
CO	100	100	100	100
IL	100	100	100	100
KS	95	93	99	100
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	100	99	100	100
NE	100	100	100	100
NM	91	65	100	97
OK	94	90	93	97
SD	100	100	100	100
TX	88	84	96	99
11 Sts	93	91	98	99

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 2, 2003	Nov 9, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	100	100	100	100
CO	84	68	77	77
IL	88	71	96	95
KS	79	69	67	91
LA	100	100	100	100
MO	93	84	94	95
NE	93	85	82	92
NM	35	27	37	52
OK	79	70	80	83
SD	97	96	86	90
TX	73	70	81	89
11 Sts	79	72	76	90

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States harvested 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 2, 2003	Nov 9, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	77	67	53	76
AZ	53	45	67	64
AR	85	75	69	91
CA	75	65	92	75
GA	57	48	56	67
LA	99	98	68	93
MS	97	92	64	91
MO	79	70	72	91
NC	47	34	55	64
OK	56	50	42	65
SC	48	37	50	67
TN	71	59	64	89
TX	49	39	44	60
VA	48	40	75	69
14 Sts	64	55	56	72

<sup>1</sup> These 14 States harvested 98% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Peanuts: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 2, 2003	Nov 9, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	97	94	87	92
FL	99	98	97	98
GA	97	92	91	96
NC	94	88	86	89
OK	94	88	78	85
TX	68	48	44	64
VA	100	96	97	99
7 Sts	91	83	80	88

<sup>1</sup> These 7 States harvested 98% of last year's peanut acreage.

**Sunflowers: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

State	Week Ending			1998- 2002 Avg.
	Nov 9, 2003	Nov 2, 2003	Nov 9, 2002	
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	93	82	70	72
KS	89	83	75	92
ND	98	96	73	86
SD	96	90	84	91
4 Sts	97	93	75	87

<sup>1</sup> These 4 States harvested 91% of last year's sunflowers acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Crop Condition  
by Percent, Selected States**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	1	3	28	56	12
CA	0	0	10	85	5
CO	10	22	33	31	4
ID	0	5	28	65	2
IL	0	0	17	67	16
IN	1	2	19	67	11
KS	3	15	28	47	7
MI	0	1	22	69	8
MO	0	0	26	67	7
MT	6	22	52	20	0
NE	4	12	33	44	7
NC	0	0	20	77	3
OH	1	3	20	60	16
OK	8	12	27	44	9
OR	0	29	51	19	1
SD	12	18	38	29	3
TX	16	17	37	27	3
WA	3	7	59	31	0
18 Sts	6	13	32	43	6
Prev Wk	6	13	32	41	8
Prev Yr	2	5	31	50	12

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2002 planted acres.

## Crop Progress and Condition Survey and Estimating Procedures

**Survey Procedures:** Crop progress and condition estimates are based on survey data that are collected each week from early April to the end of November. The Crop progress and condition surveys are non-probability surveys that include a sample of more than 5,000 reporters whose occupations provide them opportunities to make visual observations and frequently bring them in contact with farmers in their counties. Based on standard definitions, these reporters subjectively estimate progress of farmers' activities and progress of crops through their stages of development. They also provide subjective evaluations of crop conditions.

Most reporters complete their questionnaire on Friday or early Monday morning and submit it to the Agricultural Statistics Service's office in their State by mail, telephone, fax, e-mail, or through a secured internet website. A small number of reports are completed on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Regardless of the time that the questionnaire is completed, reporters are asked to report for the week ending on Sunday. For reports submitted prior to the Sunday reference date, a degree of uncertainty is introduced into the projections for weekend progress and crop condition changes. By the end of the 2001 season, nearly two-thirds of the data were being submitted through the internet website. As a result, about one-half of all data are submitted on Monday morning, which has significantly reduced this projection uncertainty.

Reporters are sent written reporting instructions at the beginning of each season and are contacted periodically to ensure proper reporting. Terms and definitions of crop stages and condition categories that are used as reporting guidelines are available on the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) website at: [www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/cwterms.htm](http://www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/cwterms.htm).

**Estimating Procedures:** Reported data are reviewed for reasonableness and consistency by comparing with data reported the previous week and data reported in surrounding counties for the current week. Each State Statistical Office summarizes the reported data to district and State levels, weighting each county's reported data by NASS county acreage estimates. Summarized indications are compared with previous week estimates, and progress items are compared with earlier stages of development and historical averages to ensure reasonableness. Weather events and reporter comments are also taken into consideration. State estimates are submitted to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB) along with supporting comments, where they are compared with surrounding States and compiled into a National level summary by weighting each State by its acreage estimates.

**Revision Policy:** Progress and condition estimates in the "**Crop Progress**" report are released after 4:00 pm ET on the first business day of the week. These estimates are preliminary and subject to corrections or updates in the "**Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin**" National Summary that is released after 12:00 pm ET on the second business day of the week. These estimates are then subject to revision the following week.

The next "*Crop Progress*" report will be released after 4 p.m. ET on November 17, 2003.

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